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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a June 20, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following species:

- A) The species as illustrated in Figure 5A
- B) The species as illustrated in Figure 5B
- C) The species as illustrated in Figure 5C
- D) The species as illustrated in Figure 5D
- E) The species as illustrated in Figure 9
- F) The species as illustrated in Figure 10
 - i) The subspecies as illustrated in Figure 2
 - ii) The subspecies as illustrated in Figure 3
 - iii) The subspecies as illustrated in Figure 4
 - iv) The subspecies as illustrated in Figure 6

- v) The subspecies as illustrated in Figure 7
- vi) The subspecies as illustrated in Figure 8
- G) The species as illustrated in Figure 11
- H) The species as illustrated in Figure 12


Applicants hereby elect with traverse Species F, as illustrated in Figure 10 and subspecies i), as illustrated in Figure 2. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 4, 5 and 9-12 Applicants submit that a search of the vertical heat exchanger of claim 1 would uncover the species and subspecies of Figures 3, 4, 5A-5D and 6-9.

Applicants submit that claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim are the following: claim 1 (species F (Figure 10) and subspecies iv (Figure 6)), (species F (Figure 10) and subspecies v (Figure 7)) and (species F (Figure 10) and subspecies vi (Figure 8)).

Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

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